

Local Happenings

LATEST THING IN SPORTS

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Outside Observations

BERRY OF PENN WINNER IN BIG MEET

Philadelphia, Pa., April 23.—A sturdy youngster representing the University of Pennsylvania, named Harold Berry, proved himself the best collegiate athlete in America yesterday afternoon when he won the pentathlon, the all-around contest at the relay championships at Franklin Field. This chap is only nineteen years old. He weighs 155 pounds and is rather small, being only 5 feet 8 1/2 inches in height, but despite his youth and small build he outsped, outjumped and outthrew a quintet of opponents, every one of whom was a giant in comparison.

The pentathlon contest is made up of five events—the running broad jump, 500-metre run, throwing the javelin, throwing the discus and 1,500-metre run. The running broad jump was the first event of this contest decided. Its first honors went to Worthington with 25 feet, 10 inches. Berry followed with 24 feet, 10 inches. Throwing the javelin came next, and with it a victory for Berry. In the next two, the 500-metre dash, and throwing the discus, he finished second in each and in the final event, the 1,500-metre run, he outsped his opponents all the way and earned another first place. With two victories, two seconds and one third, his point score tallied, only 5.

The points were scored according to the cross-country system, the contestant having the smallest number of points being declared the victor. Although the dash was carded as a 200-metre event, it proved to be only a 200-yard race. This was learned when the track was remeasured after the race.

While Berry's performance was the feature of the day, it was little better than the wonderful victory scored by a quartet of Yale runners in the distance medley relay. Johnny Mack, the Yale veteran coach, sent to the post four great runners, every one of whom was trained to the minute and fit to run the best race of his life. Yale had to run a great race in order to win. A crack team from Chicago University fought them every inch of the way until the final spurt, when Yale's anchor drew away and won by about fifteen yards.

AL KUBIAK IS JUST 28 TODAY

Al Kubiak, the big Polish heavyweight who was nursing designs on the title a few years ago, will be twenty-eight years old today. Al has been so thoroughly drubbed in the last year or two that he is no longer considered as even a "white hope." Kubiak was born in Germany, of Polish parents, and came to America in 1907. He won most of his early bouts by knockouts, and his height of six feet and one and a half inches made him look like good raw material for a first class fighter. His first defeat came in 1909, when Sandy Ferguson, the Canadian, knocked him out. Since then the big Pole has been put to sleep by Joe Jeannette in Paris, by Sam Langford in New York; by Morris Harris in Philadelphia; by Carl Morris in Fort Smith, Ark., and has been defeated by several other fighters with guns, but with their fists they have not been very successful, with one brilliant exception. Stanley Ketchel, although born in America, had Polish parents, and Stanislaus Kieciak was some fighter.

British Golfers To Come Here Next Month

London, April 24.—Besides golfers Vardon and Ray, two other British professionals, George Duncan and C. Mayo will also sail on the Lusitania next month for an American tour. They will probably be paired against the former pair in a series of four-somes. Vardon and Ray hope to get revenge for Outin's victory in 1913.

An earthquake of unusual severity lasting six and one-half minutes, was recorded on the seismograph of Central College at Buffalo, N. Y. It was estimated that the center of the disturbance was 2,700 miles south.

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FRED HERRESHOFF EXPECTED TO SHINE IN LAKEWOOD TOURNEY



FRED HERRESHOFF
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The Lakewood (N. J.) golf tourney marks the opening of the championship in the east. From now on there'll be championships, special tournaments and matches galore. The course in the heart of the Jersey pines appeals to every one who enjoys his favorite sport over a stiff course. Yale's anchor drew away and won by about fifteen yards.

ORGANIZED BALL LEADERS DENY NEGOTIATIONS OF PEACE

But President Tener of National League Rushes To Chicago To Join Ban Johnson in Conference There.

New York, April 24.—Many big men in organized baseball and also the leaders in Federal circles are at a meeting in Chicago Thursday night, but with denials that negotiations for peace between the warring leagues are in the works. Conferences in Chicago, in which Ban Johnson, owner of the St. Louis Cardinals, Robert B. Ward of the Brooklyn Feds and President Robertson of the Buffalo outlaws took part, started the peace rumors. Despite these "emphatic denials" from Big Ban and Fighting Jim in Chicago, there is much peace talk in the air, and it is a pretty safe bet that the dove of peace has buckled down to work. The w. k. dove may not accomplish anything, but it is good to know that he is starting something.

It is a copper-riveted cinch that R. B. Ward, his pal, Robertson of Buffalo, did not go to Chicago to inspect the loop or ride around Lincoln Park. They have seen all such things before. Ward already is in Chicago. He left for the Windy City on Thursday.

Ban Johnson does not care much about Federal League magnates, and the fact that he has been having several chats of late with Phil Ball means something. You can stick that in your hat, despite Ban's denial.

President Tener was in Pittsburgh yesterday, but the Federal League Executive is said to be headed in the general direction of Chicago, and he, too, has often gazed at Lake Michigan.

Colonel Bob Hedges of the Browns is also in Chicago, and it would appear that, if there is to be any peace, the Browns and St. Louis Feds will consolidate, instead of the Cardinals and the Mound City Federal League outfit. The Browns never have been backed as well as Johnson has liked, and at one time he nearly sold Colonel Bob right out of his league.

Ban Johnson does not pack the punch that he did, and the chatter that he has been in conference with Ball to enable the latter worthy to take over the Cardinals is foolish. If Ball is to take over the Cardinals he will do business with Tener, or Britton not with Johnson.

Early reports from Chicago yesterday said that the Federals would consolidate with their rival clubs in the various cities and give up its entity. The Federals may accept peace by which they may be forced to grant some concessions, but never at the expense of breaking up their league.

PLAN ADDITION TO PARK CITY ALLEYS

Many changes are to be made to the Park City Bowling alleys in Fairfield avenue and to the building in which Harry Quinn's cafe is located. C. J. Lewis who conducts the alleys has let contracts for an addition to the rear of the building which will provide room for six additional alleys and a billiard and pool room. The second story front of the building will be remodeled and interior changes will be made. The work will begin about July 1.

PHILLIES WIN EIGHTH STRAIGHT GAME

Philadelphia, April 24.—The Philadelphia Nationals are still ruling wild. They rolled up the eighth straight victory yesterday by riding merrily over the Boston Braves, taking the world's champions into camp by 2 to 1. The Quakers were filled with energy and the home fans went wild at Pat Moran's busters registered the victory.

WEINERT MAKES \$30,000 OFFER TO JESS WILLARD

New York, April 24.—If Jim Coffey, the "Dublin Giant," is to join the match he is seeking with Champion Jess Willard, his manager, Billy Gibson, will have to do some shrewd financing to enable Jack Bulger, manager of the Chicago Cubs, to finance the sensational Jersey City heavyweight. These erstwhile "white hopes" were the first to challenge the big Kansas after he had knocked out Jack Johnson. Now they are in their managers, have become engaged in a financial competition to secure the match.

The declaration made by Willard's backers that he would not be permitted to risk his crown in battle until after he had concluded his theatrical contracts has not restrained either Gibson or Bulger in their efforts to lure Jess into the ring with their respective clubs. Gibson was the first to dangle a tempting money bait before Willard's eyes.

Last week he offered Jess \$25,000 to meet Coffey in a ten-round bout here before the end of the open air boxing club which will be in operation this summer. He offered to post at once a certified check for \$5,000 as a forfeit. Twenty-five thousand dollars for a ten-round no-decision fight, in which the chances of Willard losing his valuable title would be practically nil, is quite a sum.

Bulger has dug up "hacking" for a bet between two champions, and Weinert to the extent of \$30,000, a cool five thousand more than Gibson is prepared to offer for a Coffey-Willard match. Moreover, Jack is prepared to double Gibson's "ante" and post an even \$10,000 in Willard's own hands the moment he signs for the match to guarantee the payment of the additional \$20,000 as soon as he fulfills his contract.

Weinert's hooker, Vic Smith of the Vitagraph company, Smith is an ardent admirer of the Jerseyite. After witnessing Weinert's recent performance against his namesake, the "Gentle Giant," at New York, he placed \$30,000 of his worldly wealth at Jack's disposal for the purpose of arranging the match. If it can be consummated it will be staged at Ebbets Field under the auspices of the Broadway Sporting club, which John Welsamant of the Broadway Sporting club has organized. Smith's offer is a bona-fide one, and the proposition will be put up to Willard's backers shortly.

Cornell Beaten By Columbia Ball Team

New York, April 24.—Columbia triumphed over Cornell in a hard fought ten inning game of baseball last night. The score was 3 to 2. Both pitchers displayed excellent control and the game was a run apiece in the early rounds. With the game a deadlock after a half-dozen scoreless innings, Bryant, who took the mound for the home team, in the fifth frame and allowed Columbia to score the winning tally.

Schlaflly Hurt When Hans Wagner Bunted Down To Third Base

Larry Schlaflly, now a Federal League manager, was playing third base for the Cubs against Pittsburgh some years ago. About that time Hans Wagner was hitting 'em a mile a minute. It was like getting in front of a rifle ball to ~~one~~ one of Hans' bunts. Joe Tinker now tells the story:

"I play deep at short, but I always played very deep for Wagner. I looked around in the third inning of this game and saw that he was hitting me as far back as I was."

"Get in there, Larry," I said, "This fellow will bunt on you."

Larry moved in toward third. Just then Wagner caught hold of an out-curve and hooked the ball down toward Schlaflly. It was going like a bullet. Larry stuck out his right hand, and his finger's bones thumped into the bleachers. The ball almost smashed Schlaflly's hand. It began to swell and it was a sore looking mitt when we walked toward the bench.

"Call that a bunt," asked Larry, as we left the field. I said nothing. I knew how his hand gained him. In the sixth inning Wagner was at bat and I looked toward the Larry and he was playing deeper than myself. "Come on there, Larry, play in close to the bag. This fellow will outguess you at time and bunt."

"Is he going to bunt again?" asked Larry. "Sure, he'll bunt," I replied. "Me for the fence," shouted Larry.

MANY MAGNATES ON HAND WHEN EASTERN MEETS HERE

Benny Kauff Fined \$50 For Sassing Umpire — Montreal to Open Baseball Season Here At Newfield Tomorrow.

(By Wagner.) Baseball was the only topic of discussion in the Atlantic hotel lobby this afternoon when the Eastern association directors met there to award franchises and decide whether they will start the season. Since the appeal of the former Hartford, Springfield and New Haven magnates was turned down by the National commission the Eastern directors have a clear right to the territory involved. There were many applicants for franchises but the standing of the men will be carefully considered before they will be given the right to operate clubs. Mike Finn, the old Giant scout, Hank Ramsey and Billy Lush were three who knew baseball and would give a good deal of money to start franchises. The East Shore Amusement company, which owns the Lighthouse Point grounds, is after the New Haven territory.

The Montreal club of the International league will open the exhibition season here tomorrow by playing Bridgeport at Newfield park. Montreal has been through a long course of training and should give a good exhibition. Bridgeport will use Moose Miller, Dick Sherwood, Tommy Bowden, Dick Egan and other Eastern association players. Tuckey and Mackey, regular Bridgeport hitters, will pitch. The game will start at 3 o'clock.

Georgetown won from Harvard in baseball yesterday by 8 to 1. Eddie Mahan, the Harvard football captain, twirled for the Crimson and was lambasted for 13 hits.

The Brooklyn Nationals have released to the Newark International Pitches Brown, Chabek, Schmitt and Catcher Snow. They had to go in order to cut the squad down to 21 men as the rules provide.

The Boston Braves are trying desperately to bolster their infield now that Johnny Evers is out of the game with illness. They have purchased infielder Dick Egan from Brooklyn. Egan was bought from Cincinnati by Brooklyn a year ago.

Jealous of the notoriety gained by Al Smith and Engel C. Washington, for heating up a motorman, Marty O'Toole, the former Pittsburgh twirler, mixed it up with a motorman in Columbus, O. yesterday. He was arrested but his case was continued. The fellow started the fast last season by swinging lustily on a butcher. He'll probably wallop the conductor of a jitney 'bus now to keep his name in the papers.

Uppy Upham twirled fine ball for the Brooklyn Federals against Newark yesterday. He replaced Finnegan in the fifth and blanked Newark for the remainder of the contest. The former Bridgeport pitcher is looked upon as a coming star by Manager Magee of Brooklyn.

Benny Kauff has been fined \$50 for his trouble with an umpire a few days ago. The fine was paid before he was allowed to play with Brooklyn yesterday. The old Bridgeport outfielder got a hit, a sacrifice and a stolen base.

Baseball Interest Is Increasing Instead of Waning in U. S.

Is interest in baseball on the wane? Is the American national pastime doomed to extinction? Was the disaffection of the season only a passing thing of the finish? To lend an ear to the walls of some of the magnates, one would think so. But, friend fan, cheer up. There are statistics which tend to prove that the popularity of the game was a banner season for baseball.

Twenty-six years ago today, on April 23, 1889, the Giants and the Red Sox were the champions of the National League, but of the world, having defeated the St. Louis American Association club in the previous world's series. One would think, wouldn't one, that the loyal fans in those "good old days" would have turned out by thousands to acclaim the conquering heroes? They did not. The baseball enthusiasm in New York was so mild that the opening contest was transferred to Jersey City. The official figures gave the attendance as a little over 3,000, but this was an exaggeration, and at that the grand stand was pretty thoroughly "papered."

The Giants won the National League pennant in 1889, and Brooklyn copped the American Association rag. The world's series between the two clubs created the wildest enthusiasm baseball had ever known up to that time. New York and Brooklyn were then rival cities, and not boroughs of the same big town, and the people at the opposite ends of the bridge were about as affectionate toward each other as bulldogs and Thomas-cats.

Yet the total receipts for the nine games of the series was only \$23,422. At six of the games the receipts were less than \$1,700, and one contest in New York brought in only \$1,278. In the 1913 world's series the New York receipts averaged over \$75,000 per game. During the 1889 season the Giants played often in New Jersey and on Staten Island because they couldn't get a crowd in Manhattan.

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FOURNIER AND FISHER LEAD BATTERS

Chicago, April 24.—Bob Fisher, Chicago, with 13 hits in the first seven games of the season, leads the batters of the National League with a percentage of .450, according to averages compiled here today. The next batters are Zimmerman, Brooklyn, .400; Groh, Cincinnati, .400; Cravath, Philadelphia, .429; Doyle, New York, .407; Smith, Boston, .393; Luderus, Philadelphia, .389; Clarke, Cincinnati, .381; Connolly, Boston, .375; Saler, Chicago, .370; Snodgrass, New York, with 5 leads in stolen bases.

Another Chicagoan, Jacques Fournier, is setting the pace in the American League. He has been up 10 times and made five hits, for an average of .500. Next comes Cobb, Detroit, .480; Crawford, Detroit, .467; Veach, Detroit, .464; Strunk, Philadelphia, .458; C. Walker, St. Louis, .391; Jackson, Cleveland, .387; Oldring, Philadelphia, .367; E. Walker, St. Louis, .357; Javril, Boston, .357; Maisel, New York, and John Collins, Chicago, lead the base stealers with five each.

Blue Ribbons Play Wallum's Stars At Colonial Hall Tonight

The Blue Ribbons will treat the basketball fans to something new by staging a Saturday night game. They will play Wallum's Stars tonight at Colonial hall and it is expected that a large number of rooters will be on hand. Wallum's team contains several crack players. They have always displayed good form in their games here and are one of the few teams to register a victory over the Ribbons this season. They beat the locals by one point last February and say they will repeat tonight.

Manager Leary will have Capt. Beckman, Eddie Leonard, Walter Swenson and his other stars on hand. Jimmy Clinton, who was unable to play last Tuesday, has promised to be here. The game will start at 8:15 in order that employees of stores may be able to attend. There will be a preliminary, starting at 8:15 and dancing.

St. Charles' To Open Wheeler Field Sunday

The St. Charles' baseball team, last year known as the East Bridgeports and members of the Park City League, will take the field for the first time this season tomorrow when they meet the St. Busters on Wheeler's Field. The game will be called at 2:30. On the St. Charles' roster will be Ray Schoendorf, star twirler on the St. Mary nine last year, "Toot" Dittery, Jack Shea, Chet Jersey, Jack Moran, Lester Paritt, Hal Merrick, Al Bakos and several other candidates.

On next Saturday the Singer nine will open the industrial league season on the new park.

A Newspaper Dictionary
Burly Negro—Any colored man arrested.
Engineer—The man who gets blamed for a railroad accident. (See probe.)
Gentleman Burglar—A thief with a collar. (See Baffles.)

Toy Ride—What precedes an automobile accident. (See broken.)
Loot—Goods found in a fat in Harlem.
Millionaire—A man who owns his own home. (See divorce.)

Plot—Something that is thwarted. (See foil.)
Pretty Girl—Any female.
Scanty Attire—What people escape from burning buildings in.

Sleuth—A detective in the headlines.
Society Leader—A woman who returns from Europe.
Twenty-four Hours—The period in which the police expect to catch the murderer.—Pack.

Satan's Way.
Mrs. Kilgore was the pretty young wife of the elderly village pastor. One day she went into the city with a friend and, among other things, bought a new frock.

"Another frock, my dear?" said her husband. "Did you need another?" "Yes," said the lady, hesitatingly. "I do need it and, besides, it was so pretty that the devil tempted me."

"But you should have said, 'Get thee behind me, Satan.' Have you forgotten that?"

"Oh, no! But that was what made the trouble, hubby dear. I said, 'Get thee behind me, Satan,' and he did, but he whispered over my shoulder, 'It just fits you beautifully in the back!' And I just had to take it then!" —Harper's Magazine.

Henry Peak Speaks.
"Pa, what is a bachelor?" "Lucky, my son; very lucky." —Boston Transcript.

Russia in Asia.
Russia has no colonies, property or called. Its possessions in Asia are merely reserve grounds for surplus population.

Making a Hit.
"How did she strike you as a golf player?" "With her brassie." —Exchange.

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